

COVID-19 Reporting Requirements for Minnesota Long-term Care Facilities

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There are three types of COVID-19 reporting required by long-term care (LTC) facilities: aggregate case reporting, death reporting, and laboratory reporting.

Skilled nursing facilities

- Report to NHSN, including aggregate case counts and aggregate death counts to the Resident Impact and Facility Capacity Pathway.
- **If you conduct point-of-care (POC) tests** – report your positive test results to *either* SimpleReport or NHSN LTCF POC Test Results Reporting Tool FAQ.
- Report individual death information to MDH COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

Assisted living facilities

- Report aggregate case counts to MDH COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.
- **If you conduct POC tests** – report your positive test results to SimpleReport.
- Report individual death information to MDH COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

[NHSN LTCF COVID-19 POC Test Result Reporting Tool \(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctf/lctf-poc-faq-508.pdf\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/covid19/lctf/lctf-poc-faq-508.pdf)

[Using SimpleReport \(www.simplereport.gov/using-simplereport/\)](http://www.simplereport.gov/using-simplereport/)

[COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form \(redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHJX7CJF\)](https://redcap-c19.web.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=HH47NMERJHJX7CJF)

Aggregate case reporting

Skilled nursing facilities must continue to report aggregate case counts in residents and staff and aggregate death counts weekly to NHSN. Instructions at [LTCF COVID-19 Module \(www.cdc.gov/nhsn/lctf/covid19/index.html#forms\)](http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/lctf/covid19/index.html#forms).

Assisted living facilities must report total weekly case counts in residents and staff to MDH. No report is necessary if there were no cases in the facility for the previous week. Report using the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

Laboratory reporting

Facilities with a CLIA certificate of waiver, that are conducting POC COVID-19 testing, are acting as a laboratory. Therefore, they are required by CLIA to report positive lab results.

- Positive COVID-19 lab results may be reported to either MDH through SimpleReport or to NHSN.
- Specific case-level information is required such as name, address, date of birth, etc.

Death reporting

All facility types must report deaths in residents who test positive for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days to MDH. Case-level information is required. Deaths are reported through the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Report Form.

